

expansion board follows, is not followed by the motherboard and, thereby, the expansion board can increase the expansibility of the motherboard. To achieve the purpose, in an embodiment, the first connection device 411 and the second connection device 421 include a first bus, respectively. The slots 422 includes a slot following a second bus. The expansion board 42 further includes a conversion device 6 for performing the conversion between the first bus and the second bus. For example, the first bus is the PCI bus, the second bus is the ISA, and thus the conversion device is for performing the conversion between the PCI bus and the ISA bus. This approach can make the connection of the motherboard 41 to the expansion devices with the buses that the motherboard 41 does not follow. In addition, the buses designed into the first and connection devices (411 and 421) can be decreased to reduce the manufacture cost of the motherboard 41.--

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on December 27, 2001 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Additionally attached to this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response to May 27, 2002.

In this Amendment, Applicants have editorially amended the specification and Figure 4. Claims 1 and 7 are the independent claims. Claims 1-3, 6-9 and 11 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's Action has objected to the drawings for not showing the conversion means recited in claim 6. In response thereto, submitted for the Examiner's